goods. A conference of Chief Ministers held on 28th May, 1984 recommended by consensus, different aspects of framing legislation for taxing inter-State consignment of goods. As some of the issues involved are required to be sorted out with the States, it has not yet been possible to take any decision wih regard to levy of consignment tax. There is also no reliable estimate of the probable income from the proposed consignment tax.

Textile Mills run by NTC and State Governments

855. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the textile mills run by the NTC and State Government, including Gujarat Government and the number of workers employed in these mills;

(b) what is the loss suffered by NTC; the amount spent on wages paid to the workers; the volume of cloth produced and the value thereof and also the excise duty paid to Government during the last three years;

(c) what is the number of mills making profits or incurring losses during the last one year, managed by the NTC; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that the NTC has proposed the closure of uneconomic textile units; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) According to available information, about 2.09 lakh workers are employed in the textile mills run by NTC and about 95,000 workers are employed in the textile mills run by State Governments, including the Gujarat Government. A Statement showing the names of the textile mills run by the NTC and the State Government is attached. (*See* Appendix CXXXIX , Annexure No. 50]

(b) The position regarding 123 textile mills, in operation, under the NTC is given below:—

	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86
Not loss (Rs. crores)	158·28	204·26	183·80
Amount spent on salaries & Wages (Rs. Crores)	242·00	282·00	331·00
Cloth production (million metres)	165·50	138·55	139 32
Production value (Rs. Crores)	642·00	777·00	968·00
Excise duty paid (Rs. Crores)	34·00	37·00	41·00

(c) During the year 1985-86, 10 (Textile) mills made net profit and 113 mills incurred net losses.

(d) The Textile Policy states that the continued operation of units, which are incapable of becoming viable, would mean a continued drain on scarce resources and such units or parts thereof may have to be closed down to prevent any further losses. However, no final decision has been taken regarding which mills are to be closed.

Imports by MMTC and STC

856. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of imports